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of The New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies

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M.·.W.·. Robert N. Bass, Jr., 33°
Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina
North Carolina

Regular Meeting

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
Monday Night, March 10, 1969—8:00 P.M.
Election of Officers—New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
—Refreshments—

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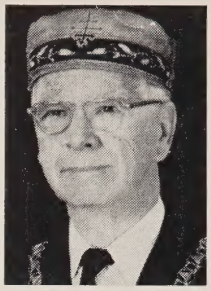

Ill. Luther A. Smith 33°

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Mother Supreme Council of the World, whose see is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, of which LUTHER A. SMITH, 33°, is Grand Commander, C. FRED KLEINKNIGHT, JR., 33°, is Grand Secretary General, JAMES G. JOHNSTON, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C., and ROBERT L. PUGH, 33°, is Personal Representative in the Valley of New Bern of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C.

Ill. James G. Johnston 33°

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To All Scottish Rite Masons Wherever Dispersed Throughout the World:

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March 10th—
Regular Meeting—New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6.

March 19th—
Fort Bragg Ladies' Night Party.

March 21st—
Havelock-Cherry Point Ladies Night Party.

March 21st—
Onslow-Lejeune Ladies' Night Party.

March 22nd—
Beaufort-Morehead Ladies' Night Party.

March 26th—
Williamston Ladies' Night Party.

March 28th—
Edenton Ladies' Night Party

March 29th—
New Bern Ladies' Night Party.

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. Pugh, 33°

Dear Brethren:

We are rapidly making our plans for the forthcoming Reunion which will be held on April 8, 9 and 10. A number of banquets have been scheduled for certain areas of the jurisdiction, prospective candidates are being contacted and it is fervently hoped that the efforts that are being expended will result in the largest class we have ever had.

This class, as you have already been informed, is designated as "The Acacia Class" symbolic to all Masons of the immortality of the soul. Surely this is an appropriate name for the class at an appropriate time of the year. By the time "The Acacia Class" will have had its wonderful experiences of the three days of our Reunion, we will have just completed the activities of the Easter Season. Since our thoughts during that season will have emphasized the immortality of the soul, certainly the "sprig of acacia" will have become a most meaningful symbol.

All of our Brethren, and especially the members of the "Holy Saints John Class" need to be reminded of the two services of the Scottish Rite during Easter week. All members are urged to attend each of these services, and your attention is directed to the page in this issue describing the two services to be held:

1. The Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights on Thursday evening, April 3rd at 8:00 o'clock.
2. The Ceremony of Relighting the Lights which will be held on Easter morning to be preceded by a breakfast beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

By direction of a vote of the Lodge of Perfection the notice of these two ceremonies, included in this issue, will be the only notice sent to the Brethren.

Your special attention is directed also to the three additional features of the Reunion which will be highlights in every sense of the word. The first of these is the repeat appearance of Miss Anita Johnson, the daughter of one of our own 32° Masons, and who this year has proudly and magnificently represented us as "Miss North Carolina". Anita will be with us at this banquet hour and will thrill us once again with the vocal number which she does so well — "As Long as He Needs Me".

The North Carolina Scottish Rite Masons are also proud of the leadership which has been provided us in North Carolina through our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, Charlotte, N. C. Brother Johnston will bring us a special message at the banquet hour on Wednesday evening which is now designated as "The Inspector General's Night". Our Brethren will be delighted to know that his charming wife, Sarah, will accompany him and will grace our occasion with her magnetic personality.

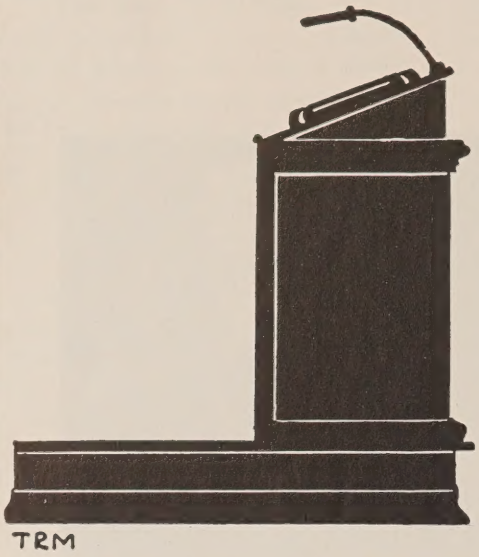
Thursday evening at the banquet hour our Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina and most of the Grand Lodge officers will honor us with their appearance. This is the "Grand Master's Night". Most Worshipful Robert N. Bass, 33°, of Raleigh, will bring a special message during the banquet hour.

Surely these special features are worthy of all of the extra effort you can give toward making the highlights of this Reunion available to as many prospects as possible. If we can assist, please be sure to call on us.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

THE MEANING OF MAUNDY-THURSDAY

Approximately one hundred years ago, the Supreme Council made mandatory the solemn Rose Croix ceremonies of extinguishing the lights. It was to be held on Maundy-Thursday before Easter. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "Mandatum," thus, it might even be referred to as Mandate Thursday stemming from the phrase "Mandatum Novum do vous" which means "a new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another." Thus, Maundy Thursday is always observed by Rose Croix Masons on the Thursday before Easter. It was on this eventful Thursday that Christ met in the upper room with his Disciples and instituted this Feast Day—his last supper with his followers.

This Thursday was indeed an eventful, dramatic Thursday. Jesus predicted His betrayal on this night; He predicted His denial on this night; He gave the great lesson on humility this night when he washed the feet of His Disciples; and He uttered the Great Commandment this night—"That ye love one another."

For the Protestant Christian, the Lord's Supper is a divinely appointed means of confessing the Christ and of honoring Him. It surely symbolizes the sacrifice of taking away sins and gives the assurance of ever existing life. To our Jewish Brethren, the Feast of the Passover holds great significance, it brings to them remembrances of those events which made their forefathers a nation. It recalls their fight from oppression and bondage to a land of freedom and independence. The Feast of the Passover holds further significance to Rose Croix Masons in the deliverance of a people from a brutal King to freedom of conscience and spiritual liberty. In our Rose Croix Chapter, we follow a search for the Lost Word. The True Christian finds that word in the Doctrine and in the Practices of his Religion. The Jews find the word in the teachings of the Prophets and the Sages of Israel. One of the great Philosophers of Ancient Times, it is said, brought the search down from the heavens and placed it into the hearts and souls of men.

Our "Wise and Perfect Master" came into the world to set truth in the place of error and loving kindness in the place of hatred and persecution; but those who loved Him knew Him not and put Him to death. These adverse elements of error, hatred, and persecution are still with us, but the truth and light of a "Most Wise and Perfect Master" will correct these things if we as Christians will permit it to be done within our own lives. *There, lies the key.*

Yes, we meet on Thursday before Easter and extinguish the Lights. What else could we do with the prediction of His Denial, Betrayal and apparent Death at the hands of his enemies? But what a difference three days make as a part of a Divine plan, an all-powerful God gave us the Hope and the Assurance of the future. An earthly grave could not entomb the Master; there was still work to be done. It was written the son of God would arise from the dead and meet again with his Disciples and ascend into Heaven. The brightness of a new day, a new tomorrow, dawned on Easter Morning. Jesus had risen and that awful, terrible Friday became known as Good Friday—not a black ugly day. God made the difference. It was Easter.

Thus, we go back to our respective Chapters and relight those lights which we extinguished on Thursday. We do it proudly with something akin to a Divine feeling for it gives us another chance to get a little closer to the Master and to our fellowman. No human institution inculcates this truth of the Resurrection with such force as Scottish Masonry. *It views man separated from his accidents. It looks through the trappings of wealth, the insignia of ranks, the humble garb of honest poverty, and sees alike beneath them all—MAN. The humblest and the proudest must travel the same paths to attain Masonic knowledge.* We discover and rediscover each day of our lives the lost word in our deeds, our service to others, and to God. It means a lot to be a Knight Rose Croix, to participate in Maundy Thursday, to join in this simple but meaningful feast. We can almost hear those stirring words ringing to our own ears—"A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another." We extinguish the Lights and leave a darkened room, it is true, but let us thank God each day of our lives that we can return again on Easter Morning with all of its Light, Beauty, and Radiance, and relight those Lights.

Each succeeding Easter gives us the chance to be a part of this great gathering as we renew our faith in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, "Who doeth all things well," and the giver of all that is good, noble, and free.

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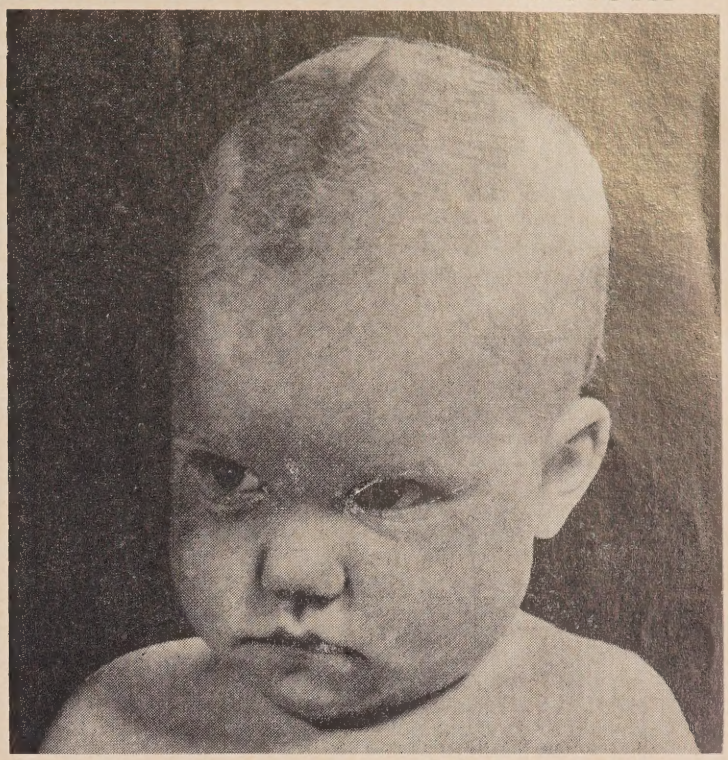

"But wait a minute. There just might be a way out of it. Maybe I should think it over for a year or two."

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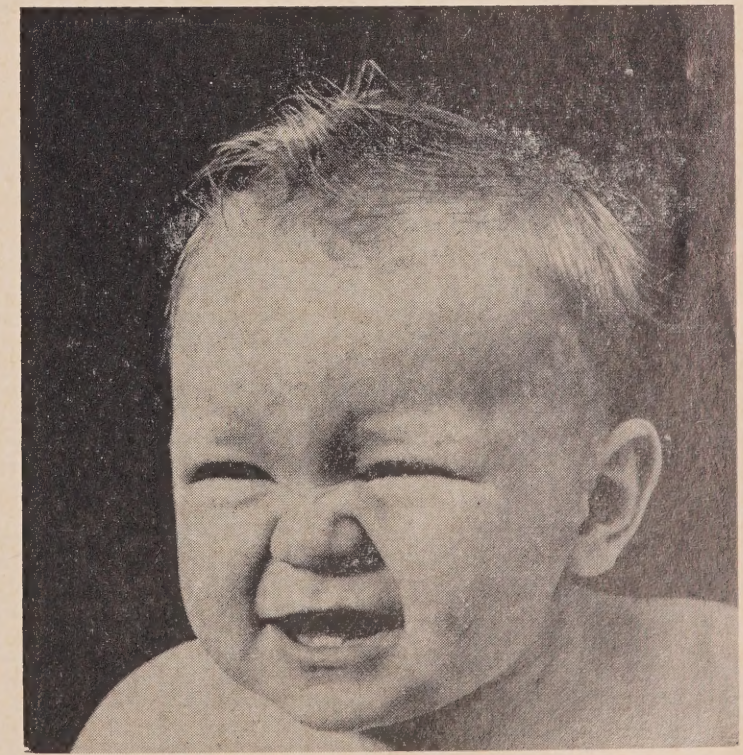
Get That Candidate NOW!!

"Now my Scottish Rite friends have stirred me up and I don't like to be disturbed — I want the degrees, but I'm not sure . . . ."



"Enough of these excuses! I'll sign the petition now. Where's my faith anyhow?"

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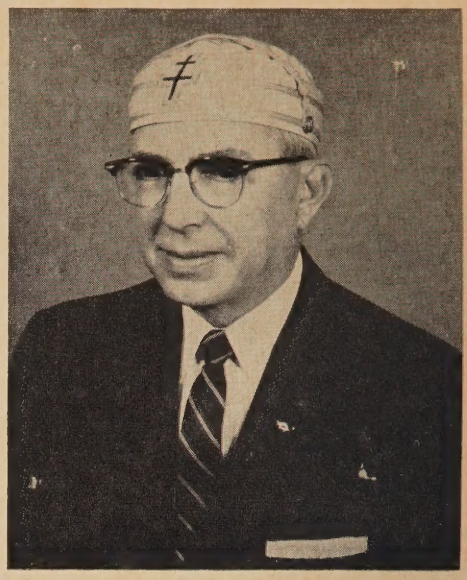

William C. Moore, 33°, Assistant Director of Work

OFFICIAL PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

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Director of Dining Room, Paul V. Vogan, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Asst. Director of Dining Room, Marvin D. Wilson, 32°, K.C.C.H.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 8, 1969

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nat M Baxter, H. L. Lunly, Ray Chadwick, M. D. Opphile.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Albert Gianotti, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Ira Stephens, J. F. Payne, Andrew Murphey, W. E. Gardner.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh, Robert Forrest.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Charles R. Davis, C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Vogan, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Opphile, Tom Brown, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter, Neil Vester.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Lester Hart, Jerry T. Whitford.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. W. H. Roberts, Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, Oscar Brock, Bill Blair.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "Miss North Carolina Night".

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, John A. Sawyer, Jr.

Wednesday April 9, 1969

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East, G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter, John R. Baugham.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Ebbie Gaylord, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Albert Gianotti, Eddie Paul, Jr., Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Tom Brown, R. L. Pugh, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, W. L. Adams, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Oscar C. Brock.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Dr. P. T. Lancaster.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "The Inspector General's Night".

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. L. Guy Matthis, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, Oscar C. Brock, W. H. Scott.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert F. Spence, Clinton E. Bunch, Lindsay Barber, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams.

Thursday, April 10, 1969

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.
3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H. Assisted by Alonzo Honeycutt and Wilson Scottish Rite Club.
4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, Albert Gianotti, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, Robert F. Spence, W. C. Hammond.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Walter Kirby, Robert F. Spence, Wallace Jackson, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, Oscar C. Brock, Francis W. Clark, Chas. R. Gray, C. E. Bunch, W. M. Smith, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, W. J. Bundy, R. L. Pugh, Fred Woodruff, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Ronald C. Wall.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. "Grand Master's Night".

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REYNOLDS DAVENPORT, 33°

Watching Apollo 8 lift off right on schedule, viewing the several televised activities from it during the flight, watching the dead-on-target recovery—I still couldn't believe it. It was absolutely fantastic. Over a half-million miles without a wrong turn or a flat tire.

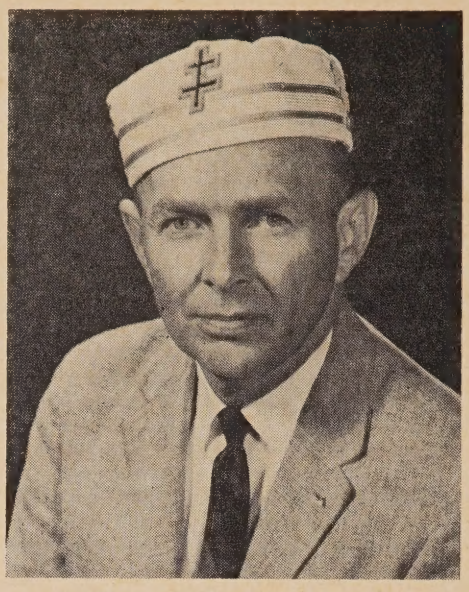
That was some traveling. I remember when I was growing up it was quite an accomplishment just to cross a state line. I watched trains pulling freight cars from Illinois and Louisiana and Michigan and just couldn't imagine how they all got to North Carolina. I knew for sure they'd never get back home.

Two of my cousins moved to Cincinnati and I figured I'd seen the last of 'em. Some of my Grandmother's more affluent relatives came through on their way from New York to Florida and acted so casual about it I thought they must be crazy.

We had one old fellow who, in bragging about his travels, claimed to have gone clean across the Mississippi Ocean. This didn't exactly tie in with what I'd learned through the fourth grade, but I nevertheless figured he must have done some real going in his time and I accordingly regarded him with proper awe.

Back in those days I certainly never calculated to be living when men went to the moon and back. We've had some real spectaculars in this space business, but Apollo 8 sort of puts everything else in the shade. Imagine watching the Earth come up over the Moon's horizon. It's a pity Kate Smith wasn't on the passenger list—she could've burst forth with "When the Earth Comes Over the Mountain."

The moon travelers gave old Columbus a real boost, too. The pictures they took of Earth make her look just as round as Chris told Isabella it was. It still looks pretty flat down here in Eastern North Carolina, but you have to admit that the astronauts piled up some pretty strong points for Columbus' side. They didn't do much for his "orange theory" though. The Earth doesn't look like any orange—



REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°
Jacksonville, N. C.

an orange that blue would have to be pretty sick.

They've made Earth orbits appear so routine of late that I've even developed a sort of inner hankering to make two or three laps myself, but they'd sure have a hard time booking me on a moon flight. It's one thing to be sailing around always within the motherly tug of Earth's gravity, but to cut clean loose from all that and go kiting off to the moon isn't just another "go now and pay later" jaunt.

I'll bet if you happened to get stranded in the mountains on the moon there wouldn't be any St. Bernards ambling around with drinks on the house. You'd be just plain stranded, that's what. I know for certain if I got marooned in the Sea of Tranquility I'd be anything but tranquil.

We've messed it all up in lots of ways, but I'm still kind of partial to the world we're in.

That's all from Onslow.

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PROGRAM

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE BODIES — SPRING REUNION 1969

APRIL 8, 9 and 10, 1969

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 A. M. to
11:30 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Streets, New Bern, N. C.
12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of Cherry Point—World's Largest Marine Air Base or Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple
7:30 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

Wednesday, April 9

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday, April 10

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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POTENTATE–SUDAN TEMPLE 1969

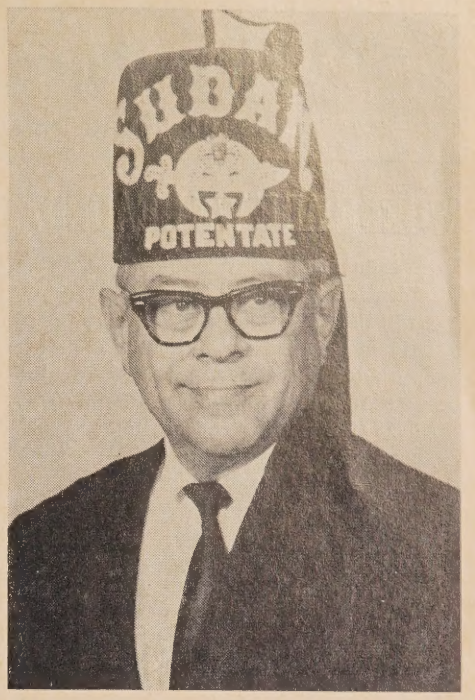
The New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies are proud to welcome Ill. Brother Edgar R. Higgins, 32°, of Durham, to his newly elected position as Potentate of Sudan Temple. Brother Higgins has been a very popular member of the Temple from the moment he was first appointed as Outer Guard. The Nobility of the Temple has been proud of the manner in which he has conducted himself during the several years of his elevation to the highest position of Sudan Temple. Brother Higgins is an active Mason and has fully appreciated the close relationship of Masonry and the Shrine and has always insisted that one of the cardinal virtues of a Shriner should be his constant adherence to the fundamental principles of Masonry. We join with hundreds of others in extending our heartiest congratulations to Brother Higgins and his charming wife and extend to both of them our best wishes for the happiest and most eventful year they have ever experienced.

Edgar R. Higgins, 48, of Durham was elevated to Potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple in a colorful ceremony held during the Temple's annual winter ceremonial.

Election of Higgins to the Temple's highest post climaxed his climb through the ranks of the Divan from the time he was named Outer Guard in January 1960 by Ottis G. Sawyer of Durham. Sawyer was Potentate in 1960. His name was placed in nomination Saturday by Sawyer.

In his first official act as Potentate, Higgins tapped Dr. John Pratt Gore of Durham as the new Outer Guard. Barring any deaths in the ranks of the officers, Gore would become Potentate in January 1978.

Higgins, a native of Asheville, has been employed by radio station WDNC and WDNC-FM in Durham since June



EDGAR R. HIGGINS

of 1941 except for his four years of service in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is now program and sports director of the station.

For the past 23 years he has broadcast color commentary and play-by-play accounts of Durham High School football, Southern Conference and ACC tournament basketball, Dixie Classic games, Big Four basketball and football in addition to professional baseball.

Since 1959 he has been color announcer on the Duke University Football Network, broadcasting all Duke football games over a network of over 35 radio stations, and has been coordinator and producer since 1951. He organized the Duke Basketball Network in 1960 and has been executive director and color announcer since its formation.

Higgins has been active in Durham religious, civic and fraternal organizations, including the Sertoma Club, the Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Masonic Lodge, both the Scottish and York Rite bodies, and the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church.

He is married to the former Miss Helen Barbee of Durham. They have two daughters, Bridgett, 13, and Caroline Reid, 8. They make their home at 2701 Stuart Drive.

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WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

An influential voice of America said: "Civilization is going around a corner on two wheels! Whether it will right itself, or skid off in disaster, is still the unanswered question!" We must admit this element of truth in his statement: Our world is sick within and without! There seems to be a powerlessness even among men of goodwill! If we have no power to draw together even the broken fragments of our homes and the desperate fragments of mankind, where are we? Indeed, is there no power available; this is the question.

Maybe we miss the mark on the road of life when we forget the real purpose of life to be that of making men great—not necessarily happy or possessed of things. With all the marvelous advances in so many areas of life, we are called to unprecedented greatness . . . a greatness from within as well as without. I do believe that this is the greatest time of all generations in which to live. If we are wise we will not bemoan the loss of the "good old days" nor yearn for that which has been. We will set our eyes and hearts with a steadfastness toward the future, confident that the path is sure under the guidance of one who knows the way. It is a great time to be alive because the periods of crisis have ever held within themselves the potential of being periods of dynamic creativity. It is under the stress and strain of an inner compulsion that the really great creative advances of mankind have been hammered out. The decade in our history prior to the Civil War—with all its tumult—produced such a crop of ideas and ideals that the historians call it "The American Renaissance". Every great thing has come from some sense of crisis, by men who were unwilling to let the crisis crush them. It is the period of crisis which often develops within a man a great creative insight into the very heart of God.

These things are true due to the fact that crises always drive men back to the fundamentals. Abraham Lincoln used to declare that "the dogmas of the quiet past prove themselves inadequate to the stormy present!" In times like ours men are not going to be permenantly satisfied (a secret we have forgotten) by a washed out religion which seems to think that the idea is to see how little one can believe and still be considered sound! Men are not going to be permanently satisfied with those who have mistakenly presented the form and ceremony of Masonry for the real substance of the Craft. Men are not satisfied, finally, by peace of mind without peace of soul. Men are not benefitted by any approach to life which presents a semblance of authority not authenticated by the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Masonry must ever be led (blinded at times, partially seeing at times, bathed in the eternal light of truth at times), to the being and greatness of the Almighty, the eterbal distinctions between right and wrong as they appear in the Great Light of Masonry, and the potential immortality of the soul. There is no longer room in the Masonic Craft for mere external forms and trappings! The world is in the midst of a period of crisis wherein we are forced to take sides: "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide . . . " We can no longer afford the luxury of nominally being masons out in our world. We can no longer fight a rear-guard action to preserve the past; nor can we approach the problems and opportunities of the day in the manner of Lord Melbourne whose administration was described by Winston Churchill as wearing "an eighteenth century air in the midst of the nineteenth century stress." Quincy Howe in his "World History In Our Time" begins with the words: "The Twentieth Century has put the human race on trial for its life!" This is all too well known by each of us who are a part of the Twentieth Century. Today man is living on top of a seething political, social, economical, and religious volcano! It is folly to think that he can put out the flame by casual means.

I am told that there used to be a covered bridge in New England which was twelve hundred feet long (a pretty long bridge!). The story goes that a Yankee farmer approached it with loaded wagon. After one look down the long tunnel, he turned his team around and started back home. Asked why he was so doing, his answer was "Well, I could get in alright; but, blamed if I could ever squeeze this load through that little hole at the other end!" His trouble was simple the trouble with far too many men today. His perspective fooled him! Lest we turn away from real living too quickly, let us realize that it is important to get the proper perspective on the whole march of human events. Real living takes time and it takes real insight. With the designs placed before us by the Great Architect, we dare not fail to work in the quarries! With the resources of Almighty God at our disposal, we shall not fail in our contributions to setting our day firmly on the solid ground of the Kingdom of God on the earth. As the roll of the Craft is called, let no man fail to answer! *So Mote It Be.*

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Maundy Thursday

April 3, 1969 — 8:00 P.M.

TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light when the Columns, and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Prayer ..... W. L. Adams, 33°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address ..... Hon. William J. Bundy, 33°
Judge N. C. Superior Court

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

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Easter Sunday

April 6, 1969 — 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the sword was received; when The Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when The Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

Officers New Bern Chapter Rose Croix No. 5

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Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

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Paul V. Vogan, 32°, K.C.C.H., Senior Warden
George G. Smith, 32°, ... Junior Warden
W. L. Adams, 33°, ... Chaplain
James E. Blaylock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Ceremonies
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H. W. Gillikin, 32°, K.C.C.H. Guardian of Temple
Robert L. Pugh, 33°, ... Recorder

"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

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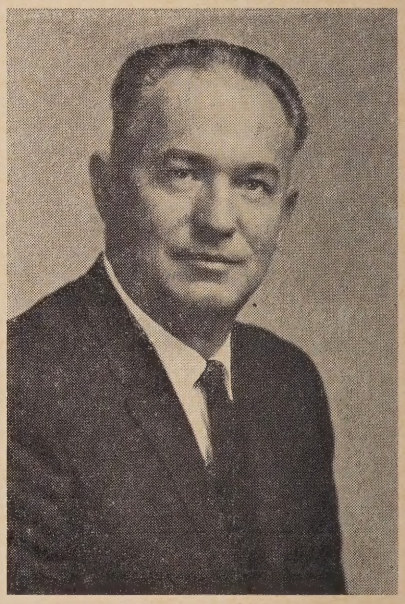

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2. Banquet Hour Wednesday Evening, April 9:
   Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina. He will address the Brethren at this hour.

3. Banquet Hour Thursday evening, April 10:
   M.·.W.·. Robert N. Bass, Jr., 33°, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. He will address the assembled Brethren at this hour.

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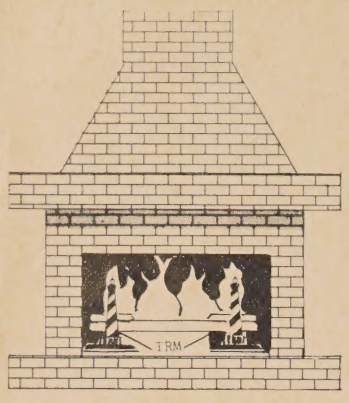
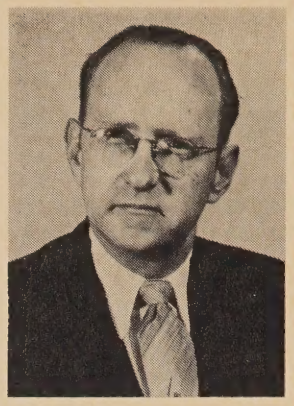


HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae



Any person with average intelligence doesn't need the monthly reminders from FBI Director John Edgar Hoover, 33°, that crime and morality are creating great changes in the American society.

Brother Hoover's reports make it clear that crime is on the increase. Morality, unfortunately, is headed the opposite direction—both among adults and young persons.

Crime is a product of disrespect for the laws. The wane of morality may truthfully be attributed to disregarding the Ten Commandments. How many families do you know that still have the nightly prayer service and Bible reading that OUR parents held as a matter of form?

Recently we were privileged to visit a home where the respect for Deity was as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar. Brother Jack Albertson, a Duplin County deputy sheriff, invited us to come home with him for what he called "a typical farm dinner."

Brother Jack is clearly the pride and joy of his three-year-old grandson. The tot climbed all over his grandfather. His young voice, happy as a lark, could be heard in all sections of the house.

When Mrs. Albertson announced "dinner is ready," we took our seats at the table. The youngest Albertson present, still talking a blue streak, immediately climbed into Jack's lap.

As Jack bowed his head to give the blessing, the youngster—without prompting of any kind—ceased talking, closed his eyes and bent his head. It was an impressive scene . . . and one we will long remember.

And if Mrs. Albertson's culinary offerings were "a typical farm dinner," more of us should move to the country. (Space is limited at the Albertson residence).

On the table were ham, pork chops, tenderloin, potato cakes, corn, biscuits, rice, gravy, collard greens, pickles, relishes, milk, ice tea, coffee . . . and a BIG helping of sweet potato pie. The table groaned when we sat down—and we groaned when we arose!

Morality should begin in the home. Its importance is also emphasized in the church, the various Scouting programs, the DeMolay and Rainbow, Masonic Lodges and the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite and York Rite, the Shrine and the White Shrine.

President Lincoln stressed the importance of respect for the law: "Let it be taught, in schools, seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books, and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation . . ."

Nightly prayer services and Bible readings "around the family circle" will make an excellent beginning.

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUNDS
December 31, 1968

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

	All Funds
Cash and Bonds (Schedule 1)	$110,115.80
Receivables	3,955.75
Inventory	2,627.70
Prepaid Insurance	1,782.60
	$118,481.85
CAPITAL ASSETS: (Net of Depreciation)	368,900.60
Total Assets	$487,382.45

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS

Payroll Taxes	$ 698.55
Accounts Payable	5,412.80
Dues Paid in Advance	35,471.00
Total Liabilities and Deferred Credits	$ 41,582.35

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Fund Balances	445,800.10
Total Liabilities, Deferred Credits and Fund Balances	$487,382.45

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Dear Brethren,

Before you read any further than the end of this sentence — look in the mirror. What did you see? Oh, you haven't looked yet. Well, do it now. Look in the mirror at your face. Look again—take a close look. Now read the poem that came to me, through my wife, from one of you—one of our Scottish Rite Masons. It's a sermon in itself. We think it's beautiful.

FACE

You don't have to tell
How you live each day,
You don't have to say
If you work or you play;
A tried, true barometer
Serves in your place
However you live,
It shows in your face.

The false, the deceit
That you bear in your heart,
Will not stay inside you
Where it first got the start;
For sinew and blood
Are a thin veil of lace,
What you wear in your heart,
Will show in your face.

If you've gambled and won
In the great game of life,
If you feel you have conquered
The sorrow and strife;
If you've played the game fair
And you stand on first base
You don't have to say so
It shows in your face.

If you dissipate nights
'Til the day is most nigh,
There's surely one tattler
And one that won't lie;
Since your facial barometer
Is right in its place,
You don't have to tell folks
It shows in your face.

If your life is unselfish
If for others you live,
For not what you get
But how much you can give;
If you live close to God
In His infinite grace.
You don't have to tell it
It shows in your face.

Bald headed men usually have serene dispositions—nothing ever gets in their hair.

Many people are rapidly approaching the "metallic age"—gold in their teeth, silver in their hair, and lead in their pants.

Tom: Did you see that donkey fall on the street yesterday and break his leg?

Bob: No. Did they blame it on the driver?

Tom: No. They said it was the asphalt.

The wife of a TV announcer put her small son to bed and remained to hear him say his prayers.

"Oh, Lord," mumbled the boy, "please bless Mom and Dad and give us this day our slow-baked, oven—fresh, vitamin enriched bread."

Then there was the fellow who married his first wife's sister because he didn't want to break in a new mother-in-law.

There is a difference between good, sound reasons, and reasons that sound good.

People who complain that they don't get all they deserve should congratulate themselves.

That's all, folks. But, keep in mind: A character standard is far more important than a gold standard.

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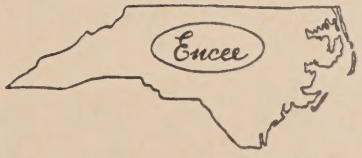

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night Feb. 3, 1969. A steak dinner was enjoyed at Tetterton's Restaurant.

The following members were present: Brother G. R. Leggett, Sr., President, W. C. Chesson, Sec., Dan K. Pittman, Richard Davenport, Jack Latham, Bryant Harris, Tom Gardner, Bill Styrons, Put Landing, Leslie Manning, R. H. Lucas, Hallett Davis, Woodrow Dixon, Dr. W. J. Highsmith, and Prospective candidate, Pearly Sheppard.

Our next meeting will be at Tettertons Restaurant, March 3, 1969 at 7:00 P.M. All members are invited to come and bring their wives.

The religious faith taught by Masonry is indispensible to the attainment of the great aims of life; and must therefore have been designed to be a part of it. We are made for this faith; and there must be something, somewhere, for us to believe in. We cannot grow healthfully, nor live happily, without it. It is therefore true. If we could cut off from any soul all the principles taught by Masonry, the faith in a God, in immortality, in virtue, is essential rectitude, that soul would sink into sin, misery, darkness, and ruin. If we could cut off all sense of these truths, the man would sink at once to the grade of the animal.

We must, of necessity, embrace the great truths taught by Masonry, and live by them, to live happily. "I put my trust in God," is the protest of Masonry against the belief in a cruel, angry, and revengeful God, to be feared and not reverenced by His creatures.

There never was a time when the spiritual message of love and faith was more sorely needed. Our country is being torn apart by factional strife, literally idiotic at times in its stubborn insistance that only one side is right, that the other is vicious and villainous.

Crime statistics mount each year, particularly among the young. Status madness makes fathers concentrate on their careers to the neglect of their families. The American child is over-mothered and under-fathered, a lopsided development which results in more juvenile crime and sexual diviation because no authoritative male figure guides the child's spiritual development. Economically, what is sillier that our many, many endlessly prolonged strikes, when "agreeing with thine adversary quickly" would readily provide both high wages and high profits.

The spiritual message is eminently wise and practical, offering sure and sound solutions to our many problems. The sages are the best psychologists, telling what truly helps hurts in man's experience.

The golden rule, for instance, found somewhere in all the various religious books of the world, says: "Do unto others as you would be done by". If everybody followed that rule, what a lessening there would be of human strife and misery.

If you want personal proof of the worth of the religious message, try reading the entire Bible through, if only one leaf a day. You will find it a tremendous reading experience possibly transforming your way of life.

It may lead you to go to your Lodge next communication. If enough follow your lead, good attendance will be restored. The Master, being inspired, because of the interest shown, will provide greater leadership.

"Seek ye the kindom of God and His righteousness and all the other things will be added unto you." Cynics and sophisticates may mock at this, but the wise know this is literally true.

Freemasonry is the subjugation of the Human that is in man by the Divine; the Conquest of the Appetites and Passions by the Moral Sense and the Reason; a continual effort, struggle, and warfare of the Spiritual against the Material and Sensual.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secy.

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club met Sunday evening at six o'clock. A steak cook-out was enjoyed by sixteen members. Anyone who has not had the experience of one of these steak cook-outs does not realize what he is missing. If one can imagine from ten to twenty steaks being charcoaled at one time, the delightful aroma is out of this world. While the men are preparing the steaks, and each member brings his own, the ladies prepare all of the other items that go to make a delicious meal.

The meeting was held at the Beaufort County Shrine hut on Slatestone Road, about one and half miles from Washington.

Brother Julian Vann gave the invocation.

Brother Jack Tripp with Brother Julian Vann with their wives were responsible for making all of the arrangements

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We are still receiving checks for 1969 dues for the **wrong** amounts!

The 1969 dues are as follows:—

New Bern Lodge of Perfection	$6.00
New Bern Chapter of Rose Croix	3.00
New Bern Council of Kadosh	3.00
New Bern Consistory	3.00

for the nights meeting.

After the meal, and while the ladies were cleaning up, the men had a short business meeting.

President Vance Smith presided.

The minutes were read and approved also the treasurers report was approved.

The secretary read a letter from Brothert Robt. L. Pugh, Sec. to the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern, asking us to see the Bretheren whose names were listed as delinquent. The Secretary was instructed to make the report as the result of contacts of these members.

It was noted that Brother Henry A. Jones who underwent major surgery at Duke hospital in Durham, was back home now and is doing very well.

The club thanked Brother Julian Vann for replacing the grill on the charcoal cooker and reimbursed him for the cost.

Brother Vance Jones and Julian Vann agreed to be responsible for the March meeting, which will be held at six P.M. on the second.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

At this time a very interesting talk and color slides were presented by Mr. Floyd Watson of Kinston who has recently returned from Vietnam. Mr. Watson told of his many experiences while he was in service. He was introduced by Brother Hugh A. Watson.

Ashley G. Leggett. Secretary.

CHOWAN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Chowan Scottish Rite Club members and their wives enjoyed a splendid dinner at the club house on North Granville Street Friday night, January 31, 1969. The meal was prepared by wives of members, and it could not have been better, It included chicken pot pie, honest-to-goodness country ham and a wide variety of vegetables prepared to a king's taste. Of course, the heaviest eaters were Mayor John Mitchener and Dusty Rhoades, and some of the ladies wondered where they put it all. Quite a few really enjoyed the collards prepared by Mrs. Curtis Forehand. At the meeting officers were elected for the new year, including McKay Washington as president; Willie H. Bunch, vice president and William Easterling, Secretary. As a "bonus," Bill Easterling was also made treasurer. The next eating affair is scheduled to be held Friday night, February 21, when the "boys" will prepare a steak supper for members and their wives.

Bill Easterling, Sec'y.-Treas.

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

A meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held on Feb. 3rd, in Franklin Lodge 109. Two officers and twenty-nine members were present.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Charles McKay, President. Brother McKay reminded the members that the Spring Reunion was just around the corner and the brethren needed to start working on new candidates. A lengthy discussion was held by all as to ideas on things to do to encourage new candidates.

In regards to other business a motion was made that the club start issuing membership cards again to the members. This had been discontinued in the past.

After a few remarks by some of the brethren, the meeting was adjourned.

A. C. Blankenship, Sect.-Treas.

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met at Widows' Son Lodge Camden, N. C. for a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., Feb. 6th.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Clarence H. Davis, president. The group stood and repeated the Lord's Prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of our last meeting for information.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the year 1969. The new slate of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:

Bro. M. W. Coates, Sr., president; Bro. Wilton F. Walker, Jr., Vice-President; Bro. R. K. Hollomon, Secy.-Treas.; Bro. F. W. Clark, 33°, made a good talk on how to get candidates to go to New Bern and take the degrees in April 8, 9 and 10. Bro. Clark also suggested that the Scottish Rite members in this section of the state have a meeting on Maundy Thursday for a short service.

Plans will be made to have our Ladies' Night March 21st, 1969 at Eureka Lodge Hall in Elizabeth City, N. C. Bro. Walter Kirby, K.C.C.H., suggested to invite Master Masons and their wives to the Ladies' supper and let them see what a good time we have and enjoy the Masonic Fellowship.

We had twenty members present and refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

R. K. Hollomon, Secy.-Treas.

LENOIR COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on January 17, 1969 at the King Brothers Barbecue with President Robert Whitfield presiding. Brother Raymond Smith gave the invocation. Thirty members enjoyed a wonderful meal.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The report of the nominating committee was given by Brother R. C. Wall. The three names given were: Brother Marvin L. Kornegay, President; Brother Calvin A Jackson, Vice-President, and Brother Marvin R. Noble, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominees were elected by acclamation.

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President Whitfield read a letter from the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. Bro. Pugh's letter informed us about 5 delinquent members. President Bro. Whitfield asked the members present to contact these members and remind them.

Brother Lee Dorsey installed the new officers. A wonderful job was done as usual. The newly installed officers made a few remarks. Brother Carroll Mercer, a new member, was introduced.

Brother Williaam Leggett dismissed the meeting by prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin R. Noble
Secretary-Treasurer

MARTIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club met Wednesday night, February 5, 1969 at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston, N. C.

President P. C. Bryant made some comments about the Scottish Rite Bodies with several of the Brethren responding with some of their own philosophy.

Brother John Whitley was appointed to speak at our next meeting pertaining to some Masonic Topic.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by President P. C. Bryant.

Our next meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, on March 5, 1969 at 7.00 P.M.

King Leggett, Secy.-Treas.

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met on January 13th, in the lounge room of the Scottish Rite Temple with a very sizable number of the brothers present. All business was attended to after which we went to our regular meeting in the lodge room. After the meeting we were served ham biscuits and coffee. Brothers, when you read this it will only be about five weeks before the Spring Reunion. We need candidates, so let's get busy!!

J. R. Chadwick, Secretary

ONSLOW-LEJEUNE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of the year Monday, January 27, 1969, at the Southernaire Restaurant near Sneads Ferry. The meeting was called to order by Brother Bray, our president, who expressed his appreciation for the large turn-out present and encouraged all of us to continue this type of support for the club. He announced the general theme for the club this year would be safety. Such topics as industrial, home, water, etc., safety would be discussed at future meetings. He also announced the general location of the other meetings to be held this year with specifics to be furnished prior to each of the meetings. We were lead in prayer by Brother Gene Brown after which everyone ordered and enjoyed a very delicious steak or seafood dinner.

After dinner we were entertained by Mr. Ray Broylston of the Dupont Company of Kinston, North Carolina. He gave an interesting talk and showed slides on industrial safety.

The sleet was beginning to fall and time was slipping by, so Brother Reynold Davenport gave the benediction after which we were dismissed.

James W. Batchelor, 32°, Secretary

WILSON COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilson County Scottish Rite Club was held Feb. 5, 1969 at the Barbecue Barn. Invocation was by the Hon. Judge Allen Harrell. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M., preceded by supper at 7:00 P.M.

The president opened the meeting by welcoming all that were present, and asked for a list of all sick members, he urged all members to visit the sick whenever possible, and asked the Secretary to send cards to some.

The Club voted to continue to meet at the barn until further advised. A short business meeting was held, after which the meeting was turned over to the speaker of the evening, Brother E. J. Langley, who used as his text, "The Holy Book Upon the Altar, by Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M. Brother Langley made a most interesting talk that was enjoyed by all.

There were fifteen members present for the occasion. There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was adjourned.

Walter B. Lamm, President
D. M. Harrell, Secy.-Treas.

WIFE: A MORE VALUABLE PARTNER AS YEARS PASS

The best way to improve a wife is to stay married to her.

Some things don't improve much with age. Wives are an exception. The longer they are married the better persons they become. This may not hold true in all cases, but it is the general rule.

A 10-year-old motor car is about ready for the junk pile. Some men think wives are like that. Since it is illegal to throw a wife on a junk pile, they dispose of her in some more orderly manner, and get a new model.

But they are wrong. A wife is not like a motor car at all. Ten years after saying "I do" at the altar, she is just beginning to show her mettle.

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it. After 25 years a wife becomes an indispensable woman. A wise husband then begins to treat her as a member of the family. After all, she has earned this right. It is only her due, and high time a husband quit insisting that she salute him whenever he comes into the room.

What are the advantages of the mature wife over a flighty young bride? Well, to name just a few:

She may not look as glossy, but she has more under the hood.

Her feet get tired about as soon as yours do, so she doesn't demand to be taken out every other night in the week—and twice on Saturdays.

The buttons she sews on stay on longer.

She may still believe that money grows on trees, but she realizes that kind of tree doesn't grow in your backyard.

If she continues to think candlelite dinners at home are romantic, she goes ahead and lights the candles herself instead of bothering you about them.

When she occasionally has to carry the garbage out all by herself, she doesn't try to make a federal case out of it.

She never embarrasses you by letting a dunning bill collector into the house. She looks cautiously through the door peep hole first, recognizes him, and pretends no one is at home.

If she finds a blond hair on your coat, she doesn't make a big scene. She knows some dame just brushed against you on the bus. On the dough you make how could you ever afford to buy the first twig to build a love nest?

She no longer yells about going home to mother if you overdo anything. Her biggest threat is "I'll tell your doctor on you."

The meals she fixes don't taste like a misprint from an Armenian cook book. The old girl knows which dishes make you happy, which give you heartburn.

She never asks to be taken anywhere weekends between September and mid-January. She accepts the fact that every red-blooded man's place at these times is before a television set drinking beer and watching football games.

If her vacuum cleaner breaks down, she doesn't ask you to fix it. That way lies madness. She fixes it herself.

In a pinch she'll dip into her secret emergency fund and lend a husband a little extra for lunch. (You can never expect this from young wives; they're always broke).

She no longer incessantly whines "You never listen to me." Instead, now and then, she'll even listen to you.

Yes, it takes a lot of time, trouble and understanding for a husband to take a young bride and turn her into man's greatest masterpiece — a perfect wife, nobly planned.

But in what more rewarding manner can a fellow spend his years?

DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF THE PROSPECT WHOSE PETITION YOU WERE GOING TO GET? DELAY IS COSTLY? WHY NOT APPROACH HIM AT ONCE?

February 11, 1969

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 5th of Feb. 1969 is here at hand. You and the brothers there at the Scottish Rite Consistory No. 3 Valley of New Bern, have this humble leatherneck brother at a loss as to how to say "thank you" for the nice things you have done for me since the big day of April 15th, 1948.

I have been so very proud throughout the past twenty years, to say to the many 32° brothers that I have met around the country, "yes my home lodge is at the Valley of New Bern Orient of North Carolina." I have always been very proud of being accepted as a brother in your grand and glorious Lodge in the deep south of our big country.

Please accept my humble and sincere appreciation for what you and the Scottish Rite bodies have done for me.

It strengthens my faith in the future, and perhaps by the end of the year things will be better if it be the will of our Lord.

Please note my change of address to post office box 752, Alliance, Nebraska 69301.

Sincerely,

I remain brother Calvin C. Waters, 32°

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Feb. 18, 1969

New Bern Consistory No. 3
New Bern, N. C.

Dr. Mr. Pugh,

I would like to personally thank the members of the Consistory for their contribution sent to the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc. in memory of my late husband Harry Shadle. It was so very thoughtful of you and I do appreciate it so very much.

Thank you all,
Doris B. Shadle

CAPS OF THE RITE— THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

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A light blue cap means that the wearer has been a Scottish Rite Mason for fifty years or more.

A black cap indicates that the wearer has attained the 32nd degree and is a Master of the Royal Secret.

The Supreme Council has set forth a rule for the correct wearing of the cap. When wearing the cap it shall be considered to be a part of the apparel of the wearer and shall not be removed.

At the presentation of the flag, the cap shall remain in place, and the members shall stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

During prayer the cap shall remain in place and the hands and arms shall be crossed on the chest.

The wearing of caps is considered proper at Reunions, Scottish Rite meetings, Maundy Thursday services, etc. It is improper for the cap to be worn in cafes, bus stations, on the street, or in any other public place.

WAVING THE FLAG TOO MUCH?

Is it possible? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Pike or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much? The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. Perhaps we are not waving our Flag enough, not nearly enough.

Could it be that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the Stars and Stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the Flags. It is the Nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the Flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? Such complacent attitude could be disturbing evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for best that is in us . . . for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy.

Isn't our Flag a symbol of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired?

Isn't it time for us . . . for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American to stop a moment and think . . . to arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values . . . to imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country is founded?

Should not your and my home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the Flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage? When you look at the Flag can't you see Valley Forge, the Alamo, Corrigedor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island and Korea? Lest we forget, isn't the Flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, MacArthur and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our Flag.

It is a symbol of this Nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce with millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly a gift from the Almighty!

This is what the Flag means to me. Can we wave it too much! I don't think so!

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Whenever bills are sent to the members for dues payable there is always included an envelope marked "Almoner's Fund" together with a letter explaining the use of the Almoner's Fund and asking for more liberal contributions. This method has helped in increasing the amount of funds available. These monies are to be used of course to aid distressed Scottish Rite Masons and they are available to our members throughout the jurisdiction. Requests for such assistance, however, must be approved by Court of Honour members and Ambassadors in that particular community.

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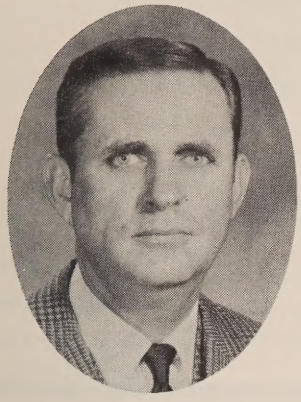

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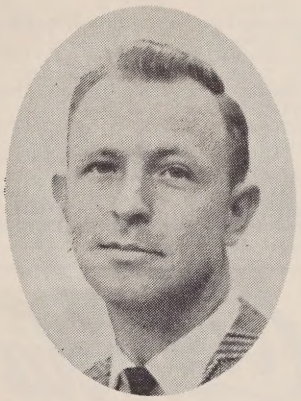

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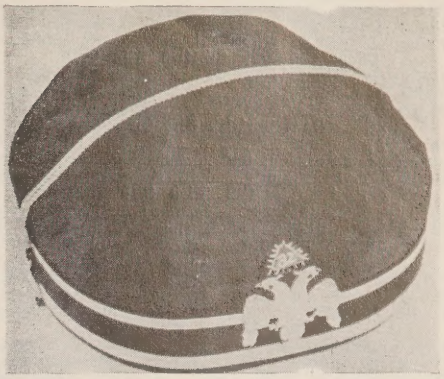

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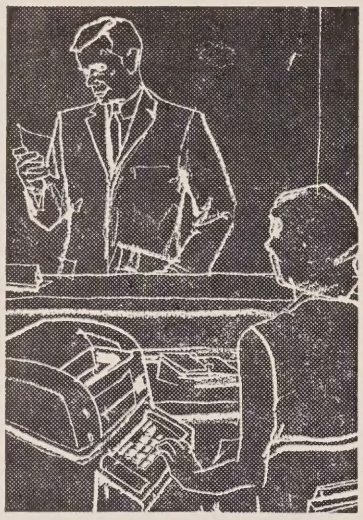

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(State what kind of merchant, salesman, engineer, if owner or part owner; if military give branch and rank.)

No. 1. The Supreme Council announces as fundamental principles the following:

"The inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

"The entire separation of church and state and opposition to every attempt to appropriate public monies—federal, state or local—directly or indirectly, for the support of sectarian or private institutions."

Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? ..... .
Yes or No

No. 2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? ..... . If you answer "yes" to this question give particulars.
Yes or No

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Mailing Address ..... Zip Code .....

RECOMMENDED BY

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $ .....
(Make checks payable to Secretary)

Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

*If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, he will strike out the word "never," and explain fully time, place, and to whom such application was made.

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